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A METHOD OF INTRODUCING ADVERTISEMENTS AND PROVIDING THE ADVERTISEMENTS BY USING ACCESS INTENTIONS OF INTERNET USERS AND A SYSTEM THEREOF

5 Technical Field

The present invention relates to a method and system for grasping-evaluating an interested field of an Internet user, i.e., access intention of the Internet user, and attracting advertisements advertisement from a plurality of sponsors on the Internet using the user's access intention, and providing the advertisement to the user on the Internet, and more particularly, to a method and system for grasping evaluating the type of information desired by the Internet user by analyzing an event-input event from the Internet user, attracting the advertisements advertisement-related to the Internet user's access intention, or providing the advertisements advertisement to the Internet user on the Internet user by judging determining the user's access intention through analysis of the event.

Background Art

For a A method according to the conventional art for analyzing an interested field of a user and providing predetermined information among conventional arts, there exist a method for includes receiving an interested field of a user who intends to joinjoins as a member upon member joining service, and periodically, or non periodically providing information to the user related to the interested field through via an electronic mail, to the user who has joined as a member, or a method for providing the advertisements to the user related to the received interested field, to when the user in case the user logs in to the joined service.

If a user makes an entry on an interested list, the interested list is classified and stored for each user, and the The user is judged-determined to be interested in the field described entered on in the interested list so long as far as the user does not modify the interested list through a separate removal procedure. According to such the conventional art, there is a problem occurs where of not being able to such a method cannot accurately provide information to a user in which to reflect a user's interest as they ehanging change variously according to over time flow is actively reflected. Also, there There is also a problem of not being able to grasp a user's temporary interest information, or a user's not-continuous interest-information. For example, in the case of an Internet user who is movesmoving next month, an interest for in moving increases for a predetermined period of time, and after After the Internet user moves, the interest for moving will decreases decrease. But, according According to the conventional art however, there is a problem exists where the method cannot of not being able to-grasp such temporary interest information. And, in In the case where a user himself records an interested field-of himself, as the interested field is roughly categorized, there has been and accurately a difficulty in-understanding an-the recorded interest field of a-the user more accurately has been difficult.

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FIG. 1A is a view showing an example of an advertising method according to the conventional art by-displaying advertisements related to a keyword on a part of a screen in case of when searching for a web page using a keyword according to the conventional art.

The advertising method shown in FIG. 1A operates in the following wayas described below, in which: if If a user inputs a predetermined keyword such as "formingplastic" 110, the user is estimated determined to have an interest in a plastic operation or plastic surgery, which are related to the keyword "formingplastic" 110, and

Accordingly, an advertisement 120 of for a-plastic surgery is displayed on a part of the screen. The Above above-described advertising method can obtain an effect of may increasing the effectiveness ofing advertisements advertisement effect by providing advertisements specifically related to information desired to be-searched on a web page by for by a user when searching the Internet. But such an advertising method provides the-relevant advertisements advertisement-only at the time-when the user inputs the-a relevant keyword, and therefore, there are problems occur in that advertisements advertisement impression is are not necessarily consistent, and the This is a problem since the number of advertisements that can be displayed on the screen with respect to the a relevant keyword is limited. For example, a user who frequently inputs the keyword "forming plastic" is much very interested in "forming plastic."; therefore Therefore, if an advertisement for "forming plastic" is displayed even-when the user inputs other keywordkeywords during searching, the number of accurate advertisements will impressions increases and also correspondingly, the click rate of-for the advertisements advertisement-will increase, thereby increasing the effectiveness of so that the advertisements advertisement effect will increase even more. AlsoIn addition, if not only the relevant advertisementadvertisements are provided, but also other useful information related to "formingplastic" is provided to the user, overall user satisfaction of the user-will much greatly increase.

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FIG. 1B shows an example of an advertisement attracting screen for providing a predetermined advertisement related to a predetermined keyword to a user as shown in FIG. 1A, to a user. Referring to FIG. 1B, there are four kinds of advertisements that can be provided to the Internet user. As shown in FIG. 1A, the classifications for providing an advertisement related to a predetermined keyword, i.e., a general keyword advertisement, is the part includes "1. bannerBanner advertisement", "2.

represented by the reference numeral 151. Also, in In the case where the Internet user searches for information that belongs to a specific category, it may be possible to provide an advertisement related to the relevant category. Such an advertising method is "4. Directory banner advertisement" the part represented by the reference numeral 152.

As described above, as <u>Internet</u> the advertisements through the Internet is <u>become more and more</u> widely used, a plurality of sponsors <u>intends</u>—wish to provide their advertisements on the Internet with respect to a specific keyword, but there are <u>problems that</u> the number of advertisements that can be provided on <u>one-a single</u> user interface screen is limited with respect to <u>one-a single</u> keyword. <u>and-However</u>, the keyword <u>capable of selected to providing link with</u> the advertisement may <u>already</u> be exhausted. Therefore, <u>it has become increasingly more important a matter</u> that an Internet advertising enterprise should search for a new advertisement scope and make benefit out of it, is now emerging as a desperate issue.

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Disclosure of Invention

It is, therefore, an object of-for a method and system for-of attracting and providing Internet advertisements on the Internet using an Internet user's access intention according to the present invention, to maximize an the effectiveness of advertisementadvertisements effect, by grasping determining an Internet user's access intention and by getting a sponsor intending to advertise a predetermined advertisement on the Internet, to possibly provide providing an advertisement to an Internet user who is interested in a field related to the advertisement of the a sponsor relating to the Internet user's access intention.

It is another object of a method and system for attracting and providing

advertisements on the Internet using an Internet user's access intention according to the present invention, to resolve the problem of exhaustion of the-advertisement resources, by providing a new advertisement scope, growing out of the advertising method based on the general keyword advertisement of the conventional art.

It is still another object of a method and system for attracting and providing advertisements on the Internet using an Internet user's access intention according to the present invention, to create a new advertisement method by grasping determining an Internet user's access intention in advance and by providing the Internet user's access intention to a sponsor, who wants to provide an advertisement related to such the access intention, of to a the user through via the Internet.

To achieve the foregoing objects, according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention there is provided a method for generating advertisement information to attract advertisement on an Internet, the method comprising the steps of maintaining a keyword database for recording more than one keyword, type information of the keyword, predetermined reference information that corresponds to the type information, and advertisement list information that corresponds to the keyword, in which the advertisement list information includes information for the number of advertisement files including the keyword; receiving a predetermined event from a user; recording a keyword that corresponds to the received event, for history data; searching for the type information of the keyword by referring to the keyword database; searching for the reference information that corresponds to the searched type information; determining judging—whether the keyword is an interested field of the user on the basis of the searched reference information; generating an advertisement file including the keyword regarded as the interested field of the user; updating the information for the number of advertisement files in the advertisement list information stored in the keyword database;

and generating advertisement information including the keyword and the updated advertisement list information.

According to another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for attracting an advertisement on an Internet, the method comprising the steps of maintaining a keyword database for storing more than one keyword and advertisement information generated according to the method as described in claim 1 in response to the keyword; receiving an advertisement request that includes an advertisement keyword from a first sponsor; searching for advertisement information that corresponds to the advertisement keyword by referring to the keyword database; processing the searched advertisement information and providing guiding information data to a web browser of the first sponsor; receiving a confirmation response from the first sponsor, in which the confirmation response includes first advertisement data of the first sponsor; and recording, in a first advertisement database, the advertisement keyword and the first advertisement data that corresponds to the advertisement keyword.

According to another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for providing a predetermined advertisement to a user of a search engine, the method comprising the steps of maintaining an advertisement database for storing more than one keyword and more than one advertisement data that corresponds to the keyword; receiving an access request from a user, in which the access request includes an advertisement file stored in a user's terminal; extracting a keyword recorded in the received advertisement file; searching for the advertisement data that corresponds to the keyword by referring to the advertisement database; and processing the searched advertisement data and providing the same to a web browser of the user; wherein the advertisement database is updated through the steps of maintaining a keyword database for storing more than one keyword and advertisement information generated according

to the method as described in claim 1 in response to the keyword; receiving an advertisement request that includes an advertisement keyword from a sponsor; searching for advertisement information that corresponds to the advertisement keyword by referring to the keyword database; processing the searched advertisement information and providing guiding information data to a web browser of the sponsor; receiving a confirmation response from the sponsor, in which the confirmation response includes advertisement data of the sponsor; and recording, in an advertisement database, the advertisement keyword and the advertisement data that corresponds to the advertisement keyword.

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Also, according to another aspect of the present invention, there is provided an Internet advertisement system comprising a central server having: a keyword database for recording more than one keyword, type information of the keyword, predetermined reference information that corresponds to the type information, advertisement list information that corresponds to the keyword, in which the advertisement list information includes information for the number of the advertisement files that include the keyword; a communication part for receiving a predetermined event from a user; a processing part for recording a keyword that corresponds to the received event, for history data, searching for the type information of the keyword and the reference information that corresponds to the searched type information by referring to the keyword database, and determining judging-whether the keyword is the interested field of the user according to the searched reference information; an advertisement file preparing part for extracting the keyword judged to be the interested field of the user, and generating an advertisement file that includes the extracted keyword, in which the advertisement file includes more than one among a user's terminal number (PC ID), an identifying symbol of the user, and expiration date information of the advertisement file;

an advertisement information generating part for updating information for the number of advertisement files in the advertisement list information stored in the keyword database, and generating advertisement information including the keyword and the updated advertisement list information; and an advertisement server having: an advertisement database for storing more than one keyword and more than one advertisement data that corresponds to the keyword; an advertisement transmitting part for processing advertisement data that corresponds to the keyword included in the advertisement file by referring to the advertisement database, and providing the processed advertisement data to a web browser of the user; a storing part for storing history information about providing of the advertisement data; an analyzing part for providing predetermined feedback information to a sponsor who has registered the advertisement data, on the basis of the stored history information.

Brief Description of Drawings

15 FIG. 1A is a view showing an example of an advertising method by displaying advertisement related to a keyword on a part of a screen in case of searching for a web page using a keyword according to the conventional art.

FIG. 1B is a view shows an example of the method for attracting the advertisement on the Internet according to the conventional art.

FIG. 2 is a flowchart showing the method for <u>determining judging</u> the Internet user's access intention according to one embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 3 is a flowchart showing a flow of a method for generating a list of user's access intention keyword data for use in the method for attracting and providing the advertisement using the Internet user's access intention of the present invention.

FIG 4 is a structural block diagram showing an example of the system in which

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the method for generating the list of the user's access intention keyword data of the present invention shown in FIG. 3, is performed.

FIG. 5 is a structural block diagram showing another example of the system in which the method for generating the list of the user's access intention keyword data of the present invention shown in FIG. 3, is performed.

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FIG. 6 is a flowchart showing a flow of the method for generating the list of the user's access intention keyword data according to another embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 7 is a view showing an example of the method for attracting the advertisement on the Internet using the Internet user's access intention.

FIG. 8 is a flowchart showing the method for attracting the advertisement on the Internet according to the embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 9 is a flowchart showing an example of the method for providing the advertisement on the Internet according to the present invention.

FIG. 10 is a structural block diagram showing an example of the system for attracting and providing the advertisement on the Internet using the Internet user's access intention according to the present invention.

FIG. 11 is an inner block diagram of the general computer system that can be used for the method and system for attracting and providing advertisement on the Internet using the Internet user's access intention of the present invention.

Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention

A preferred embodiment of a method for judging determining an Internet user's access intention and a method and system for advertising on the Internet using such the access intention of the Internet user according to the present invention, will be described

in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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FIG. 2 is a flowchart showing the method for <u>determining judging</u>-the Internet user's access intention according to one embodiment of the present invention.

The An Internet user accesses to the Internet for a variety of reasons. Searching for Information information searching through via the Internet is one of the primary reasons of for the Internet access.; and generally Generally, a user accesses to the Internet for the reasons such as a including gamegaming, use of an sending electronic mail, and performing financial transaction among many others. The method for judging determining the Internet user's access intention according to one aspect embodiment of the present invention can understand a user's access intention even in case of all embodiments such as during such operations as using a chatting and messenger service where data that-inputted by a user may be a basis for understanding a-the user's intention, is input from a user, as well as understand-understanding a user's access intention mainly in case of when accessing to the Internet for the purpose of searching for information searching through using the Internet, and determining whose ratio is investigated to be the highest, among a variety of access intention intentions of an-the Internet user. The access intention of the user is defined as the purpose for which the user utilizes the Internet. The access intention may be considered as the area of focus upon which the user uses the Internet.

Referring to FIG. 2, the method for <u>determining judging</u>—the Internet user's access intention according to an embodiment of the present invention will <u>now</u> be described—in the following. To <u>judge—determine</u> the Internet user's access intention, a predetermined event is inputted from the user on the first place—(the step of 210). <u>The predetermined event is defined as an action taken by an Internet user while utilizing the Internet.</u> Methods for receiving a predetermined event may be classified into three

groups as follows.

- (1) An Internet user <u>may accesses access to a portal site that provides a search engine to for input-inputting</u> a keyword required for a predetermined in order to search for information searching. In that this case, an the predetermined event is an the inputting of a the keyword by a the user. Also, as As described above, the keyword may also be primarily determined mainly from a frequently referred to word while a user does chatting chats or uses a messenger service as well as uses using the search engine. For example, if words such as "shoes", or "shopping" is are frequently referred upon used when using of the messenger service, such word words is are collected and From the collected words, it can be determined that the input event input from for a user is about "shoes" or "shopping".
- (2) An Internet user <u>may executes launch</u> a web browser to input an URL (Universal Resource Locator) <u>at an address input window of the web browser of for a website where predetermined information is located, at an address input window of the web browser. At the moment, Accordingly, an <u>input</u> event is an the inputting of an the URL by the Internet user. In that this case, the event can be specified in the following way, in which: by extracting only a foremost part among of the above URL is extracted, and then determining to which type the extracted foremost URL belongs to, is judged. For example, if a user inputs an address <u>URL of "http://www.kipo.go.kr/patentlaw.htm"</u> at the address input window of the web browser, the foremost part "www.kipo.go.kr", which is the foremost part of the above URL, is extracted, so that and the extracted URL portion is judged determined to be the a URL that belongs to a patent or trademark type, whereby it It is therefore, possible to specify that the <u>input</u> event input by a the user is about patent or trademark. If the event input inputted by a the user is an IP (Internet Protocol) address as opposed to a domain name, it may be possible to obtain a</u>

domain name for the IP address by performing a reverse domain name service query.

(3) An Internet user clicks on a hypertext linked to predetermined information displayed on a website. In that-this case, an <u>input</u> event <u>input</u>-from a user may be specified by extracting <u>the content information</u> of the hypertext. For example, if a user clicks on a-the word "patent," <u>which is represented as a hyperlink, to move to a location where information related to "patent" is <u>, located</u>; it is possible to specify that the <u>input</u> event <u>input</u>-from a-the user is about "patent".</u>

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After the event of the Internet user is received as described above, the event is classified according to its type (the step of 220). The type at the step of 220 means defines a set of a predetermined pattern of the event input by a user. For example, in ease—where a user inputs a keyword "patent", it is possible to classify the event according to its type, depending on what kind of the character of the event of for the keyword "patent" has. Such type classification is performed in order to judge determine that the event input—inputted from a user is really an event that can be accurately considered to be an interested field of for a user. In case a where a user arbitrarily inputs a keyword "patent" one—timeonce, it is unreasonable to judge—determine—that the keyword "patent" is an interested field of for a user based on single case on the basis-of such one-time-searching, but in a case where a user inputs a keyword "flower delivery" one-timeonce, it is reasonable to judge—determine that the user is presently interested in "flower delivery" in view of the unique characteristics associated with of the keyword. As described above, the step of 220 is a step of judging as to determines to which type the received event belongs to; and elassifying-classifies it as suchthe-same.

After the event <u>is input inputted</u> from the user <u>and</u> is classified according to its type, history information of the event is recorded (step of 230). The history information may include information about the number of times the event is <u>inputinputted</u> by the

user, as well as between how long a period of time between when the event is inputinputted. According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the history information may be recorded in form of as a cookie file, and the cookie file where the history information is recorded may be stored in a user's terminal or in_a system for understanding analyzing a user's access intention according to an embodiment of the present invention. Next, the recorded history information of the event is analyzed (the step of 240), and an interested field of a user is judged determined according to a predetermined reference-criteria on the basis of the analyzed information (the step of 250). The step of judging determining the interested field of the user by analyzing the history information of the event (the steps of 240 and 250) may be performed according to a-predetermined reference criteria on the basis of a based on the type of the event input inputted from the user as described above. On the first place, the The step of 240 analyzes the number of times the event is input input by the user, and the period (the period between the first time the event is input-inputted and the second time the event is inputinputted) during which the event is inputinputted, which and is recorded in the history information. On the basis According to the results of the analysis results, whether the event expresses an interested field of a user is judged-determined according to a-the predetermined reference criteria (the step of 250). The predetermined reference criteria is comprised of several conditions specifically selected for each type of the events event input-inputted by a user, and may include at least one of the elements more than one among including the number of times the event is input in i.e., frequency of the event generation, recentness of the event generation, and a priority for the event set in advance in connection with the event.

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A variety of predetermined references <u>criteria</u> for <u>judging</u> <u>determining</u> a user's access intention according to the type to which the event belongs, may be provided.

Namely, if the event input-inputted from a user, e.g., the keyword input-inputted by a user is "flower delivery", it is estimated that immediacy of considerable degree is required in view of the characteristics of the keyword "flower delivery". Namely, as a user may have an intention to deliver a flower soon, it may be judged-determined that the interest of the user and the immediacy associated with the interest are strong in case of where such a keyword having is considered to have a strong immediacy characteristic. Regarding such a kind of event, even in case when the number of times the event is input-inputted from-by a user is only one timeonce, it is possibly judged-to determine that the user is highly interested and, therefore, the nature of the event directly expresses the user's access intention as it is alone. On the contrary, if the event input-inputted by the user, i.e., is a the keyword input inputted by the user such asis "emigration" or "study abroad", the immediacy for the keyword is possibly judged determined as being to be very low when compared to the ease of keyword "flower delivery" in view of the characteristics of the keywords "emigration" or "study abroad". Namely, it is possible to judge determine that the user has an intention to be consistently pay an interest interested for in the keyword for a considerable period of time, therefore, it is unreasonable to judge determine that the user's access intention is expressed as it is merely with by the keyword. But However, in case where the keyword is input inputted more than five times for in a single one-month, it is possible to judge-determine that a user has a considerable interest or a consistent interest for the field keyword of "study abroad" and as a result, also the user's access intention is for searching for information about the above fieldkeyword. For such judgmenta determination, the above-described predetermined references criteria are applied., and such Such references criteria include the fact of how recently such reference a keyword is has been input inputted or the fact of-what priority the event has. For example, in case-where the event was input-inputted

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yesterday the previous day and is input inputted again the following dayagain today, it is possible to judge-determine that the interest of the user is greater today than a request input inputted before one a week before, and it. It is additionally possible to set in such aan way that the event related to "flower delivery" or "restaurant" may have more as having a higher priority than the an event related to "emigration" or "study abroad". The above-described predetermined reference—criteria_set_for_each_associated_to_each keyword may be recorded, for each relevant keyword, in a keyword database of the system for providing advertisement of the present invention.

The step of 250 judges determines whether the event input inputted at the step of 210 expresses the an interested field of the user on the basis of based on the above-described predetermined reference criteria. If the event is judged determined to meet the above-described predetermined reference criteria, the event is recorded (step of 260) and if the event is judged determined not to meet the above-described predetermined reference criteria, the procedure returns again back to the step of 230.

The event judged determined to express the an interested field of the user at the step of 250, is recorded as the interested field of the user (the step of 260). According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the event judged determined to express the interested field of the user may be recorded in form of as a cookie file. It is also possible to record the interested field of the user in form of as a cookie file and store storing the cookie file the same in a user's client side, or conversely, store storing the same in cookie file in the system for understanding the user's access intention according to an embodiment of the present invention. Also, for according to another embodiment of the method for recording the interested field of the user according to the present invention, there is a method for classifying the judged determined and interested field of the user and storing the same for each user of a plurality of users. It is possible

to manage the interested field for each user using a predetermined database means prepared in a side of at a central server (server side) for understanding the user's access intention., and it lt is also possible that the central server acts as a first server that only understands the user's access intention and a second, separate server means for storing stores the above-understood user's access intention is prepared so that predetermined information including advertisement is are provided to each user using such the access intention.

The event judged-determined to express the above-recorded interested field of the user can be consistently updated consistently in case-when there is another input of the event from the user and the event is judged-determined to express the interested field of the user according to the described predetermined reference-criteria as a result of analysis of the recorded history information after such-an event is classified according to its type. According to an embodiment of the present invention, there may be a plurality of events that are recorded as the interested fields of the user at the step of 260.

The method for judging determining the user's access intention according to the present invention may be designed to judge-determine the interested field of the user according to an arbitrary request input-inputted from-by a user, but for accuracy of such judgment, it is possible to restrict the number of requests or range by which the interested field can be judgeddetermined. In that ease Accordingly, it is possible to judge more accurately determine the interested field of the user, i.e., the user's access intention, therefore Therefore, it is possible to use-more effectively utilize the judged determined user's access intention. For example, it is also-possible to determine decide the event that is judged-determined to most highly reflect the user's access intention among the numerous events, and to The perform the above-described judgment determination of the interested field is performed if and only if the event input inputted

from by the user is included in the above-determined event. In that case, since the steps of classifying for each type and recording the history information do not need not to be performed with respect to the events judged determined not to not properly reflect the user's intention, there are strong points it is advantageous that storing space is effectively used and the system is easily realized.

According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the described method for judging_determining_the user's access intention can be performed by installing a predetermined client program in—on_a user's side. Namely, the client program installed in—on_the user's terminal may operate to monitor the user's event input (input of a keyword or a predetermined URL, or click of the—a_hyperlink), classify the inputted_event according to its type, record the history information of the event, analyze the recorded history information, and judge_determine_the interested field of the user according to the described predetermined referencecriteria. According to the present embodiment, there is a strong point of understanding_the interested field of the user is strongly understood since the program can by—monitoring all cases where a user makes use of a plurality of Internet services. For example, the program will monitor not only when a user inputs a keyword at the—a_search site named—"A_i" but will also monitor when a user inputs a keyword at the—a_search site named—"B", the. The keywords can all be all traced—monitored as an event, and therefore, it is possible to understand—more accurately understand the interested field of the user.

Also, according to an embodiment of the present invention, it is possible to get solicit a user to input basic information such as sex, age, address, and occupation of a user before installation of the client program, so that those-the information can be referred referenced in judging when determining the interested field of the user. For example, if the user is a married woman in her age of thirties, the interested field of the

user can be judged determined with priority given to interests such as on-baby sitting, and cooking. Also, according to an embodiment of the present invention, in case where in a sample where a predetermined objectivity can be guaranteed, is and secured, it is possible to consistently judge determine the present interested field of the Internet user according to their ages and sexes, and to use the judged determined interested field of the Internet user in a variety of ways.

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FIG. 3 is a flowchart showing a flow of a method for generating a list of user's access intention keyword data for use in the method for attracting and providing the advertisement using the Internet user's access intention according to of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 3, the method for generating the list of the keyword data on the Internet of the present invention is performed in the following wayas follows, using the described method for judging determining the Internet user's access intention.

In the embodiment of the method shown in FIG. 3, history data for recording an event log of a user and an advertisement file for recording the event regarded as the user's access intention through analysis of the event, are used. Though, fFor convenience in explanation, an advertisement cookie file is used as an example of the an advertisement file in the present embodiment of the present invention, however it would be obvious to a person of an having ordinary skill in the art that any type of file whatsoever can be used as far so long as a the file can record history of a predetermined event or an analyzed event.

Referring to FIG. 3, just like the method for judging-determining the Internet user's access intention as shown in FIG. 2, a predetermined event is input-inputted from a user (the step of 310210 as in FIG. 2) and the received event is stored as history data (the step of 315). According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the history data may be a cookie file.

As is well known to a person of having an ordinary skill in the art, a cookie file is a special text file which a website can leave at a user's system. Such a cookie file is designed to get so that a predetermined system to memorize memorizes something with respect to the user afterward. In the case of using HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol), each request for a web page is all-independent regardless of other requests. Therefore, a web server dose not have any record as to which page has been transmitted to the user previously, and further, it is also difficult that for a web server to knows know which website the user has previously visited previously. The cookie is a device for allowing the web server to store a file regarding the web access by the user; in the user's computer. Generally, the cookie file is stored in a lower part of a directory of the browser used by the user.

The cookie is set to document.cookie in its attribute with having the following form:

name=value;expire=expDate

name: it is stored in a virtual space of the browser and it is a name of a cookie for discriminating cookies <u>from</u> each other

value: cookie value

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expire: termination time limit during which a cookie as a keyword possibly exists in a cookie file

expDate: termination time limit of a cookie consisting of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time) format

The cookie is a file stored in the computer of a user. In a Netscape browser sold under the trademark NETSCAPE, it is possible to store a maximum of this file of up to 300 cookie filesat the maximum, at in a single system, and with a size of one file is limited to less than 4KB. According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention,

that is <u>judged_determined</u> to be the interested field of the user, a termination time limit of the cookie file, etc.

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Next, the type of the received event is analyzed (the step of 320). The type means-refers to a predetermined type as to what kind of describing the attribute the event has. Such a type can be classified according to a degree of immediacy which the event has, i.e., a period ("effective period" hereinafter) during which the event is understood to be effective in understanding the interested field of the user. More specifically, in case where the received event is an event-inputted keyword such as "flower delivery" that strongly-requires immediacy, that event is classified as a type whose effective period is one day (day reference), and in case where the received event is an event-inputted keyword such as "computer" for which the intention transition needs to be considered for a predetermined period of time, that event is classified as a type whose effective period is one week (week reference), and in case Where the received event is an event-inputted keyword such as "study abroad" for which a relatively long period transition-needs to be considered, that event is classified as a type whose effective period is one month (month reference).

The event history data is updated whenever a new event is input-inputted (the step of 325). According to an embodiment of the present invention, the number of events stored in the event history data may be limited to a predetermined number of advertisement files, and the above updating can be performed in a manner of FIFO (First In First Out) manner. The FIFO manner is for maintaining the recentness of the event events and effectively using the storage space; by most firstly eliminating first the most-earliest firstly-received event; from the event history data.

Also, the event stored in the event history data may be limited to a

by the user without any intention-from being stored in the event history data. Such an event limitation in the event not only can not only get—aid in more accurately determining the interested field of the user to be more accurately judged—, but can also ean-reduce a system load required in judging determining the interested field of the user.

Also, according to the embodiment of the present invention, it is possible to set an expiration period with respect to the predetermined event, and to eliminate the event from the event history data if the event is the predetermined event and the period during which the event is stored passes beyond the expiration period. For example, suppose that the event is an input-inputted of a keyword "flower delivery" and the expiration period for the event is set to one day (the keyword "flower delivery" has a strong level of immediacy as described above). In that case, if one day elapses with-for the keyword "flower delivery" stored in the event history data, the keyword "flower delivery" may be deleted from the event history data regardless of the described FIFO method of FIFO.

Next, on the basis of according to the type analyzed at the step of 320, whether the event included in the history data is the user's access intention; is judged determined according to a predetermined reference criteria (the step of 330). As described above, the predetermined reference criteria is are several conditions selected for each event of the user, which may include more than one among at least one of the conditions including the number of times the event is input inputted, i.e., frequency of the event generation, recentness of the event, and priority set in advance in connection with the event. For example, in case where the number of times the keyword "flower delivery" is input, that is an event whose which has an effective period is classified to be as one day, is inputted more than two times a day, or in ease where the number of times the keyword "computer" is input, that is an event whose which has an effective period is

classified to be as one week, is inputted more than three times a week, or in case where the number of times the keyword "study abroad" is input, that is an event whose which has an effective period is classified to be as one month, is inputted more than five times a month, the event is judged determined to be the an interested field of the user and may be stored in the advertisement cookie. As described above, a specific keyword, a type of the keyword, and a predetermined reference criteria for the keyword may be recorded for each keyword in the keyword database of the system of the present invention.

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Also, the The priority may also be determined according to the number of clicks of the for advertisements related to the event for a predetermined period of time. For example, in case where a user clicks an advertisement related to the keyword "baldhead" as an event more than five times for over thee three days, the user is possibly judged determined to have a great interest in the field related to "baldhead", and therefore, it is possible to set such an event to as have having high priority compared to other events.

The event judged determined to be the user's access intention is extracted as keyword data from the history data (the step of 335). The advertisement cookie is prepared on the basis of according to the extracted keyword data (the step of 340).

According to the embodiment of the present invention, the advertisement may include the event judged-determined to be the interested field of the user and a predetermined advertisement identifying symbol (ID) for expressing an advertisement related to the event or the position where the advertisement is stored. A predetermined keyword data included in the prepared advertisement cookie is recorded in a predetermined keyword database as a sale-object keyword which is used in the method for attracting and providing advertisement using the Internet user's access intention according to an embodiment of the present invention (the step of 345), and in. In the

keyword database, data recorded on a field for the number of issues of an advertisement cookie or a-filed for a user PC number for which an advertisement cookie is issued, is consistently updated according to predetermined keyword data whenever the advertisement cookie in which the predetermined keyword data is included, is issued (the step of 350).

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According to another embodiment of the present invention, the advertisement cookie is stored in the side of the at the user client side, but according to still another embodiment of the present invention, in case where processing capacity of the central server or a predetermined advertisement server operating in cooperation with the central server is large enough, it is possible that the central server or the advertisement server stores and manages, for each user, the event and the advertisement identifying symbol related to the interested field of the user for each user.

According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the present invention may be constructed in such a way that the advertisement cookie is effective for a predetermined period of time and is automatically deleted due to period expiration if a predetermined period of time elapses. As mentioned in description of the cookie file, it is possible to control the cookie to be so that the cookie is effective only for a predetermined period of time by adjusting expDate in the inside of the cookie file.

FIGS. 4 and 5 are structural block diagrams showing an example of a system where the method for generating the list of the user's access intention keyword data of the present invention is performed. The system shown in FIGS. 4 and 5 where the method for generating the list of the user's access intention keyword data of the present invention is performed, is an embodiment for the case of using, as where the user's event, is the keyword input-inputted on the basis of the to a search engine.

The system for providing information on the Internet shown in FIG. 4, roughly

comprises: a user 420; a search engine 410; a cookie 430; a central server 440; and an advertisement server 450. <u>The Data-data delivering procedure between each constituent</u> element are is nearly the same as the procedure explained in FIG. 3.

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Operation of the system for providing information on the Internet shown in FIG. 4, will be described with the "keyword" input at the search engine by a user, used for being the event. The user 420 inputs a keyword at the search engine 410. The input keyword is recorded as history data and updated in manner of a FIFO manner, and the. The history data is collected to-and analyzed at the central server 440. The keyword that meets a predetermined reference criteria as a result of analysis of the history data; is extracted as predetermined keyword data, and the extracted keyword data is made in form-formed of as an advertisement cookie 430 and stored in the user's terminal. If the user 420 accesses to the Internet, the advertisement cookie 430 stored in the user's terminal is transmitted to the central server 440, and the central server 440 identifies an advertisement identifying symbol included in the advertisement cookie 430 so that an advertisement server 450 may provide a predetermined advertisement to the user 420. Also, as descried above, the advertisement server 450 may also provide a predetermined advertisement to the user 420 by directly receiving the advertisement cookie 430. The predetermined keyword data included in the prepared advertisement cookie is recorded in a predetermined keyword database,—as a sale-object keyword that is used in the system for attracting and providing the advertisement using the Internet user's access intention of the present invention, and the. The keyword database operates in such a way that data recorded on-in a field for the number of issues of an advertisement cookie or a—filed for a user PC number for which the advertisement cookie is issued, is consistently updated according to predetermined keyword data whenever the advertisement cookie in which the predetermined keyword data is included, is issued.

FIG. 5 is a structural block diagram showing another example of the system in which the method for generating the list of the user's access intention keyword data of the present invention shown in FIG. 3, is performed.

Another example of the method for generating the list of the user's access intention keyword data shown in FIG. 5, roughly comprises: a user 520; a search engine 510; a cookie 530; a central server 540; an advertisement server 550; and a client program 560. The Data-data delivering procedure between each constituent element are is nearly the same as the procedure explained in FIG. 4.

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The user 520 inputs a keyword at the search engine 510. The input keyword is collected to and analyzed at the central server 540. The client program 560, which is an element for playing a role that has been that performed performs the same role performed by the central server 540-440 in FIG. 4, can be installed in at the user's terminal. The input keyword is recorded as history data updated in a-manner of FIFO manner, and the history data is collected to-and analyzed at-by the client program 560. The keyword that meets a-predetermined reference-criteria as a result of analysis of the history data, is extracted as predetermined keyword data, and the . The extracted keyword data is made in form of formed as an advertisement cookie 530 and stored in at the user's terminal. If the user 520 accesses to the Internet, the client program 560 judges determines an advertisement object that will be provided by referring to the advertisement cookie 530,—and can operate so that the advertisement server 550 may provide a predetermined advertisement to the user 520. Also, as descried above, the advertisement server 550 may also provide a predetermined advertisement to the user 520 by directly receiving the advertisement cookie 530. In the embodiment shown in FIG. 5, the construction for maintaining and updating the keyword database is the same as the construction of the embodiment shown in FIG. 4.

According to still another embodiment of the present invention, it may be also be possible that the client program 560 only performs up to the step of generating the advertisement cookie 530, and judging the determining of the advertisement object that will be provided to the user and providing of the advertisement depending on the generated advertisement cookie 530 are performed by the central server 540. It would be understood by a person of an having ordinary skill in the art that the above-described functions ean—may be properly distributed between the client program 560 and the central server 540, in other form that is not described in the above embodiment.

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The example of the described system for generating the list of the user's access intention keyword data shown in FIGS. 4 and 5, extracts an event judged_determined_to be the user's access intention such as the_keyword data, by analyzing history data for recording a user's keyword log and the keyword; and uses the advertisement file for recording those thingsof such information. Though, for convenience in explanation, an advertisement cookie file is used_described_as an example of the advertisement file in the present embodiment, however it would be obvious to a person of an having ordinary skill in the art that any file whatsoever can be used as so far as it can record history of a predetermined event or an analyzed event.

FIG. 6 is a flowchart showing a flow of the method for generating the list of the user's access intention keyword data according to another embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 6, the method for generating the list of the user's access intention keyword data according to the present invention is performed with use-using of the described method for judging determining the Internet user's access intention as follows.

The flow of the method for generating the list of the user's access intention keyword data shown in FIG. 6,—is for-shown the case of where a URL is receiving

received the URL as an event from the user.

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Referring to FIG. 6, a predetermined URL is <u>input-inputted from-by</u> the user (the step of 610). The system of the present invention searches for a predetermined list word that corresponds to the URL by analyzing the input URL,—and stores the list word as history data (the step of 615). The method for searching for the corresponding list word by analyzing the URL input at the-step of 615; is performed by extracting the foremost part of the URL among from the input URL and judging determining in which list word expresses the extracted foremost URL ean be expressed part. For example, in ease the where user inputs the URL "www.kipo.go.kr/news/030218", the system of the present invention extracts "www.kipo.go.kr", which is the foremost part of the URL among the above URL, and extracts a predetermined list word that corresponds to the extracted foremost part of the URL in reference to referencing the a database means for maintaining a-predetermined URL information and the corresponding predetermined list word.

Next, the type of the-list word stored in the history data is analyzed (the step of 620). At the moment, the type means-represents a predetermined type as to what kind of attribute the event has. Such type-types can be classified according to a degree of immediacy which associated with the event has, i.e., a period ("effective period" hereinafter) during which the event is understood to be effective in understanding the interested field of the user, which is the same as described in relation to FIG. 3.

Whenever a new URL is <u>inputinputted</u>, the history data is updated (the step of 625). Next, on the <u>basis of according to</u> the type analyzed at the step of 620, whether the list word included in the history data is the user's access intention <u>is determined</u> according to a predetermined <u>reference criteria</u>(the step of 630). The predetermined <u>reference criteria</u> is already described in relation to FIG. 3.

The list word judged-determined to be the user's access intention is extracted as keyword data from the history data (the step of 635). On the basis of According to the extracted keyword data, the advertisement cookie is made formed (the step of 640).

The predetermined keyword data included in the made-advertisement cookie is a sale-object keyword for use in the method for attracting and providing the advertisement using the Internet user's access intention of the present invention, and is stored in a predetermined keyword database (the step of 645). and in In the keyword database, data recorded on in a field for the number of issues of an advertisement cookie or a field for a user PC number for which an advertisement cookie is issued, is consistently updated according to predetermined keyword data whenever the advertisement cookie in which the predetermined keyword data is included, is issued (the step of 650).

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The method for generating the list of the user's access intention, shown in FIG. 6, according to another embodiment of the present invention, may be performed through via a predetermined client program installed in on the user's terminal.

FIG. 7<u>a</u> is a view showing an example of the method for attracting the advertisement on the Internet using the Internet user's access intention.

FIG. 7a shows an example of a screen for attracting the advertisement advertisements from a plurality of sponsors with respect to the a keyword in order to provide the advertisement of each sponsor for each keyword as according to the event judged to be inputted by the user based on the basis of understanding of the user's access intention. FIG. 7A-7b shows an example of a guiding message provided to the sponsor for the advertisement method on the Internet using the user's access intention according to the present invention, which is provided to the sponsor.

FIG. 7B-7b is an example of an advertisement subscription screen provided to

the sponsor for advertisement on the Internet using the user's access intention according to the present invention. Referring to FIG. 7B7b, the advertisement subscription screen may include: a keyword which is associated to athe—user's access intention and which is desired to be sold; whether the keyword is possibly purchased; a predetermined advertisement contract period; a unit price per month 751; and an expected number of possible impressions 752. The expected number of possible impressions 752 can be computed in the following way.

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In the case where the advertisement cookie is issued, information such as an object keyword for which the advertisement cookie is issued, keyword type information, and a predetermined user terminal number for which the advertisement cookie is issued, is are stored in a predetermined database means of the system of the present invention. Namely, it is possible to make a database using data regarding the issued advertisement cookie; and to sum up the number of impressions generated at a predetermined Internet website; by each user's terminal, for each keyword included in the issued advertisement cookie. Though such summing up of the number of impressions can be performed for all users of the relevant website as an object, it is also possible to perform the summing up of the number of impressions by sampling a part of all users and statistically estimate estimating the number of impressions of by all users. It is also possible to provide such expected number of possible impressions 752 to the sponsor after statistical data is secured through accumulation of the related data for a predetermined period of time since initial issuance of the advertisement cookie.

FIG. 8 is a flowchart showing the method for attracting the advertisement on the Internet according to the an embodiment of the present invention.

Referring to FIG. 8, the method for attracting the advertisement on the Internet according to the embodiment of the present invention is performed through—via the

following steps. On the first place First, an advertisement request that includes a predetermined advertisement keyword is received from a sponsor (the step of 801). For example, it is possible to provide a user interface screen where the advertisement keyword is possibly inputinputted, to for the sponsor who intends to make associate a predetermined advertisement with respect to the advertisement keyword "refrigerator"; and to receive the advertisement request through the user interface screen. More specifically, the advertisement keyword included in the received advertisement request is analyzed and determined whether the keyword data desired to be sold-purchased as the advertisement that corresponds corresponding to the advertisement keyword exists in a predetermined keyword database, is judged (the step of 802). If there doesn't exist the keyword data that corresponds to the advertisement keyword doesn't exist, the advertisement keyword is stored in a predetermined storing means (the step of 803), and a request counter value with respect to the relevant advertisement keyword is increased (the step of 804). After that, whether the request counter value is more than a predetermined value; is judged_determined (the step of 805), and if . If the request counter value is less than the predetermined value, the procedure returns back to the step 801 of receiving again the advertisement request again. For example, suppose that the advertisement request having for the advertisement keyword "refrigerator" is received from the sponsor. If the keyword "refrigerator" does not exist among the keyword data, which are advertisement object using the user's access intention of the present invention, the keyword "refrigerator" is stored in a predetermined storing means; and the request counter value is set to 1. If the advertisement request using such the keyword "refrigerator" is received more than three times for example, the request counter value for the keyword "refrigerator" becomes 3, and in. Where case the predetermined value is set to 3, the relevant advertisement keyword is stored in the

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keyword database (the step of 806). Subsequently, information such as the number of issued advertisement cookies including the newly registered keyword data ("refrigerator") and the number of user terminals for which the relevant advertisement cookie is issued; is collected (the step of 807). The collected information is provided to the sponsor who has made the advertisement request (the step of 808); and the sponsor determines whether to purchase the relevant keyword with reference to the above information (the step of 809). If a purchase is determined, a predetermined advertisement banner data—that—, which is intended to be provided to the Internet user with respect to the relevant keyword, is transmitted to the system of the present invention; in response to payment; and ID and password information for identifying the sponsor is received from the sponsor (the step of 810).

Also, according to an embodiment of the present invention, the step of attracting the advertisement with respect to a predetermined keyword related to the user's access intention; can be performed in a manner of auction or bidding. Namely, according to the advertisement system of the present invention, advertisement attraction for the keyword data can be performed in the following way, in which: the advertisement system publicly informs a plurality of sponsors the advertisement attraction; by suggesting information such as an estimated number of possible impressions with respect to the relevant keyword data; and a. A plurality of the sponsors then suggests—suggest amounts for the advertisement attraction with respect to the keyword, then—Then the advertisement system of the present invention attracts the advertisement of the sponsor who has suggested—bid the maximum amount among the advertisements from a plurality of the sponsors.

According to the embodiment of the present invention, an additional the step of for providing feedback information for of later behavior of the users exposed to the

advertisement; to the sponsor; may be additionally—provided. For such feedback information, there exists the number of times the user visits the website of the sponsor after being exposed to the relevant advertisement, a visiting period, the number of times of revisit, and a ratio of a visit over an advertisement exposure, etc. And, as described above, in case the advertisement system of the present invention previously maintains in advance—basic information such as age, sex, and address of the user, it is possible to provide more detail—detailed feedback information to the sponsor on the basis of the above basic information of the user. By providing such feedback information to the sponsor or a—person who needs that—such information, it is possible to quantitatively judge—determine—the effect of the information providing according to the present invention.

Also, in the advertisement method using the user's access intention according to the present invention, the payment may be performed in the following way, in which: a predetermined advertisement charge for attracting the advertisement; is suggested to the sponsor together with the information for the relevant keyword at the step of 808 and the suggested amount is paid by the sponsor, or ex-post settling up is performed on the basis of according to the number of exposures to the relevant keyword data or the number of clicks by the user with respect to the exposures; in view of the feedback information.

FIG. 9 is a flowchart showing an example of the method for providing the advertisement on the Internet according to the present invention. The example of the method for providing the advertisement on the Internet according to the present invention shown in FIG. 9, is an example of a how a user interface screen can be realized about-according to which-standards of a variety of advertisement data including the general keyword advertisement data (the second advertisement data) with respect to

the general keyword sale and the general banner advertisement data (the third advertisement data) according to the conventional art besides the keyword advertisement data (the first advertisement data) through judgment determination of the Internet user's access intention according to the present invention, will be realized on one user interface screen.

According to the embodiment of the present invention, the advertisement data can be provided to the user in the following way.

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If an access request to the system of the present invention is received from the user (the step of 901), whether the web page, which is an object of the access request, is a search page, is judged determined (the step of 902). If the web page is judged determined to be the a search page, a predetermined keyword is input inputted from the user (the step of 903), and. Then, whether the input-inputted keyword is the keyword sold by a predetermined general keyword sale, is judged determined (the step of 904). If the input-inputted keyword is judged-determined to be the keyword sold by the general keyword sale, it is possible to provide the second advertisement data connected to the relevant keyword, to the user by searching for the general keyword database (the second database) (the step of 909). If the keyword is judged-determined to not to-be the keyword sold by the general keyword sale at the step of 904, a predetermined cookie folder of the storing means in the user's terminal is searched so that to determine whether a predetermined advertisement file exists, is judged (the step of 905). If the advertisement file is judged-found to exist, it is possible to provide the first advertisement data that corresponds to a predetermined keyword data included in the advertisement file, to the user (the step of 908). If the advertisement file is judged-not found to exist at the step of 905, it is possible to provide the third advertisement data to the user by searching for the general banner database (the third database) (the step of 907).

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If the page for which the user has made the access request is judged_determined to be the a general page (news or game page), and is not the search page at the step of 902, a predetermined cookie folder of the storing means in the user's terminal is searched and whether a predetermined advertisement file exists, is judged_determined, which is the same as the above-described flow_procedure (the step of 905). If the advertisement file is judged_found_to exist, it is possible to provide the first advertisement data that corresponds to predetermined keyword data included in the advertisement file, to the user (the step of 908). If the advertisement file is judged_not found to exist at the step of 905, it is possible to provide the third advertisement data to the user by searching for the general banner advertisement database (the third database) (the step of 907).

For the method for providing the advertisement according to the present invention shown in FIG. 9, there may exist a variety of modified embodiments. For example, even in case that where the keyword is judged determined to be the a keyword sold by the general keyword sale at the step of 904, it is possible to arrange; on one user interface screen, the first advertisement data that corresponds to a predetermined keyword data included in a predetermined advertisement file together with the second advertisement data; by searching for the cookie folder of the storing means in the user's terminal. Also, the flow-procedure shown in FIG. 9 is for determining priority between the first through the third advertisement data; and it is possible to arrange the first through the third advertisement data on one user interface screen in various ways and to provide those advertisements to the user.

FIG. 10 is a structural block diagram showing an example of the system for attracting and providing the advertisement on the Internet using the Internet user's

access intention according to the present invention.

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Referring to FIG. 10, the advertisement system on the Internet according to the present invention comprises a central server and an advertisement server. Here, the central server includes: a communication part 1020; a controlling part 1030; a processing part 1040; and a storing part 1050 that <u>further comprises</u> a predetermined database 1051 and an advertisement file preparing part 1052. Also, the <u>The</u> advertisement server includes: an advertisement transmitting part 1060; a second advertisement database 1071; a third advertisement database 1072; an analyzing part 1080; and a storing part 1090. The block construction of the advertisement system on the Internet according to the embodiment of the present invention will <u>now</u> be described in more detail in the following.

The central server plays the roles of receiving a predetermined event input inputted by the user, judging determining the interested field of the user, making forming the interested field in form of as a predetermined advertisement file, and transmitting the advertisement file to a storing means of the system of the present invention and/or the user's terminal 1010. The communication part 1020, which is a detailed module of the central server, receives the inputted event from the user and is responsible for communication between the user's terminal 1010 and the central server.

The processing part 1040 is designed to analyze the type of the-received event and judge_determine_the interested field of the user according to a-predetermined reference_criteria_on the basis of the analyzed event type. As described above, for an example of event type analysis, the event may be classified according to an effective period. More specifically, the event can be classified as follows, in-which: in-case of where the event such as "flower delivery", which is the-a_keyword that requires strong immediacy, the effective period may be determined to-as one day, and in case of where

transition-needs to be considered for a predetermined period of time, the effective period may be determined to-as one week. As described above, the predetermined reference criteria is several conditions selected for each event of the user, which may include more than one among at least one of the conditions such as frequency of the event generation, recentness of the event, and priority set in advance in connection with the event. The procedure for analyzing the event type and judging determining the interested field of the user is the same as the foregoing.

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The storing part 1050 is designed to record the interested field of the user and a predetermined symbol capable of identifying the corresponding advertisement. According to the preferred embodiment of the present invention, the advertisement cookie issued to the user is prepared by the advertisement file preparing part 1052 in the inside of the storing part 1050. Since such advertisement cookie is prepared and transmitted to the user, it is possible to record the interested field of the user and the predetermined symbol, and store and manage information such as the interested field for each user and the advertisement related to the interested field, or a symbol for identifying information, by providing a predetermined database means 1051 to-in the storing part 1050. Also, according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention, the database means 1051 that has been provided to of the storing part 1050 may be also provided in the inside of the advertisement server, not the central server, so that it possibly to performs perform a predetermined additional function. Also, according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention, in case-where the user accesses through a predetermined log-in step, it is possible to store the advertisement file in a user information database (not shown), and in case where the user logs in and subsequently uses a predetermined Internet service-afterward, it is also possible to extract the advertisement file by referring to the user information database, and provide a predetermined advertisement related to the advertisement file, to the user.

The controlling part 1030 plays a role of controlling controls the overall operation of the central server.

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The advertisement server, which plays a role of storing stores and managing manages a predetermined advertisement content,— and is responsible for transmitting a predetermined advertisement to the user's terminal 1010 by analyzing the advertisement cookie stored in the user's terminal 1010. Also, according to the embodiment of the present invention, the advertisement server not only possibly makes forms the advertisement file on-in which the interested field of the user of the present invention is recorded and provides the advertisement using the above-described advertisement file, but also possibly provides a variety of advertisements to the user in cooperation with the conventional keyword advertisement or the general banner advertisement system. Referring to FIG. 10, the advertisement server according to the present invention may include: the second advertisement database 1071 for storing advertisement data by which the advertisement is provided to the user through the general keyword sale; and the third advertisement database 1072 for providing advertisement data by which the general banner advertisement is provided to the user. The advertisement transmitting part 1060 provides a variety of advertisement data to the user according to a predetermined reference, criteria under control of the controlling part 1030 of the central server. Namely, on one user interface screen, a variety of advertisement data such as advertisement data according to the interested field of the user, general keyword advertisement data, and general banner advertisement data, is arranged according to a predetermined reference-criteria. Such predetermined reference-criteria sets priority among those advertisement data. For example, it is possible to arrange, on the upper right side of the user interface, the an advertisement of high priority and, on the lower left side of the user interface, the an advertisement of low priority. Such priority may be determined depending on an advertisement charge paid by the sponsor.

The storing part 1090 plays a role of storingstores, in case where the advertisement cookie is issued, information such as an object keyword for which the advertisement cookie is issued, keyword type information, and a predetermined user terminal number for which the advertisement cookie is issued. Namely, the storing part 1090 makes-forms a database using data for the issued advertisement cookie; and the analyzing part 1080 sums up the number of impressions generated at a predetermined Internet website, by each user terminal, for each keyword included in the issued advertisement cookie. Though such the summing up of the number of impressions can be performed for all users of the relevant website as an object, it is also possible to perform summing up of the number of impressions by sampling part of all users and statistically estimate the number of impressions of all users, which is the same as the foregoing. Also, the analyzing part 1080 plays a role of generating generates predetermined feedback report information which that will be provided to the sponsor, by putting together information for the relevant keyword data stored in the storing part 1090.

Also, it is possible that the advertisement server not only provides the advertisement that corresponds to the list of the user's access intention; to the user through the web browser, but also transmits a predetermined advertisement to a user's electronic mail, or even to the user's mobile communication terminal (cellular phone or PDA (Personal Digital Assistant)). Though the advertisement server shown in FIG. 10 is shown to be arranged, physically separated from the central server, it would be obvious to a person of an having ordinary skill in the art that such an arrangement is merely

exemplary and the discrimination between the central server and the advertisement server is simply a functional discrimination for convenience in explanation.

Also, each of the elements constituting the foregoing advertisement system on the Internet according to the embodiment of the present invention is simply functionally discriminated for convenience in explanation, and has nothing to do with the real physical position or realization of each element.

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In addition, embodiments of the present invention further relate to a computer readable media that include-includes program instructions for performing various computer-implemented operations. The media may also include, alone or in combination with the program instructions, data files, data structures, tables, and the like. The media and program instructions may be those specially designed and constructed for the purposes of the present invention, or they may be of the kind well known and available to those having skill in the computer software arts. Examples of computer-readable media include magnetic media such as hard disks, floppy disks, and magnetic tape; optical media such as CD-ROM disks; magneto-optical media such as floptical disks; and hardware devices that are specially configured to store and perform program instructions, such as read-only memory devices (ROM) and random access memory (RAM). The media may also be a transmission medium such as optical or metallic lines, wave guides, etc. including a carrier wave transmitting signals specifying the program instructions, data structures, etc. Examples of program instructions include both machine code, such as produced by a compiler, and files containing higher level code that may be executed by the computer using an interpreter.

FIG. 11 is an inner block diagram of the a general computer system that can be used for the method and system for attracting and providing advertisement on the Internet using the Internet user's access intention of the present invention.

The computer system includes any number of processors 1140 (also referred to as central processing units, or CPUs) that are coupled to storage devices including primary storage 1160 (typically a random access memory, or "RAM"), primary storage 1170 (typically a read only memory, or "ROM"). As is well known in the art, primary storage 1160 1170 acts to transfer transfers data and instructions uni-directionally to the CPU and primary storage 1160 is used typically to transfer data and instructions in a bidirectional manner. Both of these primary storage devices may include any suitable type of the computer-readable media as described above. A mass storage device 1110 is also coupled bi-directionally to CPU 1140 and provides additional data storage capacity and may include any of the computer-readable media described above. The mass storage device 1110 may be used to store programs, data and the like and is typically a secondary storage medium such as a hard disk that is slower than primary storage. A specific mass storage device such as a CD-ROM 1120 may also pass data unidirectionally to the CPU. Processor 1140 is also coupled to an interface 1130 that includes one or more input/output devices such as such as video monitors, track balls, mice, keyboards, microphones, touch-sensitive displays, transducer card readers, magnetic or paper tape readers, tablets, styluses, voice or handwriting recognizers, or other well-known input devices such as, of course, other computers. Finally, processor 1140 optionally may be optionally coupled to a computer or telecommunications network using a network connection as shown generally at 1150. With such a network connection, it is contemplated that the CPU might receive information from the network, or might output information to the network in the course of performing the abovedescribed method steps. The above-described devices and materials will be familiar to those of having skill in the computer hardware and software arts.

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While the invention has been shown and described with reference to certain

preferred embodiments thereof, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes in form and details may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

5 <u>Industrial Applicability</u>

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It is, therefore, an object of a method and system for attracting and providing advertisements on the Internet using an Internet user's access intention according to the present invention, to maximize an advertisement effect, by graspingdetermining an Internet user's access intention and by getting a sponsor intending to advertise a predetermined advertisement on the Internet, to possibly provide an advertisement to a user who is interested in a field related to the advertisement of the sponsor.

It is another object of a method and system for attracting and providing advertisements on the Internet using an Internet user's access intention according to the present invention, to resolve the problem of exhaustion of the advertisement resources, by providing a new advertisement scope, growing out of the advertising method based on the general keyword advertisement of the conventional art.

It is still another object of a method and system for attracting and providing advertisements on the Internet using an Internet user's access intention according to the present invention, to create a new advertisement method by graspingdetermining an Internet user's access intention in advance and by providing the Internet user's access intention to a sponsor, who wants to provide an advertisement related to such an access intention, to a user through the Internet.

The foregoing descriptions of specific embodiments of the present invention have been presented for purposes of illustration and description. They are not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the invention to the precise forms disclosed, and obviously many

modifications and variations are possible in light of the above teaching. The embodiments were chosen and described in order to best explain the principles of the invention and its practical application, to thereby enable others skilled in the art to best utilize the invention and various embodiments with various modifications as are suited to the particular use contemplated. It is intended that the scope of the invention be defined by the claims appended hereto and their equivalents.